

25th August 79AD 11am Enormous amounts of steam spread into air turns to boiling rain this mixes with the tonnes of ash and rock creating rivers of mud (Lahars) covering Pompeii and Herculaneum.	26th August 79AD 11am It takes 24 hours before the sky clears and the sunlight returns. Pompeii, Herculaneum and areas around are completely destroyed.
25th August 79AD 1.04am In 4 minutes the flow reaches Herculaneum - hundreds are killed instantly by the heat and ash.	The events of Mount Vesuvius August 79AD
25th August 79AD 8.00am Biggest cloud yet - a surge of ash and scorching poisonous fumes impossible to outrun cover Pompeii - thousands buried in ash.	24th August 79AD 2.30pm A dark cloud has spread across the whole sky, turning day to night. The burning rock continues to fall getting deeper and deeper. Earth tremors continue. Vesuvius column of ash is 10miles high in the sky.
24th August 79AD 3pm People in nearby town Herculaneum are frightened by the cloud they can see. No ash falls here because of the wind direction but earth tremors are felt. People begin to flee but only way to escape is by sea. Over 200 people do not escape.	24th August 79AD 2am A small explosion inside Vesuvius causes a steamy ash cloud in the night sky. People didn't understand what was happening and most went back to sleep.
24th August 79AD 6am The city awakes and business as usual. Shop keepers opening up their shops, bakers light ovens, slaves serving	25th August 79AD 6.30am Most people fled Pompeii but 2000 people still there. A mighty rumble and a wave of blistering heat and flood of

masters, gladiators training, priests in the temples. The Streets are busy with people. Warning signs are ignored.	poisonous gases swamp Pompeii - People/animals choke and suffocate.
25th August 79AD 7.30-7.45am Two bigger hotter flows of ash blast Pompeii. 8.00am Biggest cloud yet - a surge of ash and scorching poisonous fumes impossible to outrun cover Pompeii - thousands buried in ash.	24th August 79AD 7.30pm 100,000 tons of material thrown out of Vesuvius every second. The column reaches 30kms high - 3 ½ times as high as Mt Everest.
23rd August 79AD The feast day of Vulcan - Roman God of Fire. Holiday in Pompeii. People celebrating. Musicians, jugglers, fortune-tellers line the streets. Earth tremors were ignored.	25th August 79AD 1am The vent can no longer stand the pressure and collapses. Material shoots into the air. A glowing cloud of red hot ash and rock, 4 times hotter than boiling water rushes down Vesuvius (Pyroclastic flow) Missing Pompeii and heading for Herculaneum.